



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT REPORT  
WORKGROUP 1**

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***NOTE: CCP Workgroup 2 members recommend integrating their work with Workgroup 1 to address all alternative custody options (pre and post).***

**Objectives:** *Increase jail capacity for new populations by reducing the number of low risk offenders who await trial in jail; maximize efficient use of jail capacity and minimize the number of court hearings by using actuarial assessments to identify low risk offenders to facilitate early disposition; enhance the impact of sentencing and reduce reliance on custodial sanctions by utilizing the offender's risk and need information.*

**Update:** Workgroup members suggested developing a menu of alternative custody options for various offender populations that can be used as a reference guide. A subcommittee is currently working on that document.

**Strategy:** **Use of home detention and electronic monitoring for the pretrial and post release populations in lieu of jail.**

**Update:** A pilot project at Central Court to utilize the Probation Department's existing Electronic Surveillance Program is underway. The project is anticipated to last for 60 days from implementation with a target start date in March 2012.

**Strategy:** Use Work Projects and Work Furlough (WF) as a custody alternative in lieu of jail or in combination with jail for eligible offenders.

**Update:**

**Work Projects** - Workgroup members have been reviewing existing Work Projects contracts to identify expansion and other opportunities to obtain additional contracts, as well as the concomitant staff and budget necessary to implement expansion.

**Work Furlough** – Work Furlough is run by Correctional Alternatives, Inc. (CAI) under contract with the County of San Diego, and overseen by the Probation Department. There is additional space at the facility that may be used for a Residential Reentry Center (RRC). The Probation Department is drafting a letter to the Board of Supervisors with a target completion date of April 2012, requesting use of the RRC, in order to reduce the number of low risk offenders in jail (pre and post trial) and reduce recidivism by providing evidence-based intervention services.

**Strategy:** Probation will provide staff to conduct assessments and assist with early disposition of cases to reduce the number of court hearings for low risk offenders.

**Update:** A pilot is underway at Central Court in which probation officers assist with settlement hearings. This has increased the number of sentencings at the time of case settlement (immediate sentencing at the change of plea), and has increased the number of low risk offenders immediately sentenced to probation to the court. For the month of January 34 cases were handled in this manner. There were 31 in December. We anticipate an increase once PC 1170(h)(5) cases are also handled in this process. The workload is currently handled by one Probation Officer, but any increase would require a second Officer.

**Strategy:** Expand the use of existing collaborative courts, i.e., drug, reentry, behavioral health, and veterans.

**Update:** The workgroup is discussing methods to increase the numbers of PROs involved in Reentry Court. The workgroup will also be discussing alternative ways to use the other collaborative courts. Currently, there is one PRO participating in re-entry court.

**Strategy:** Probation will provide evidence based actuarial assessments to all sentencing parties to facilitate the formation of appropriate dispositions and supervision conditions.

**Update:** The probation department currently uses evidence based actuarial risk assessments at the pre-sentence stage to determine the appropriate level of supervision should an offender be placed on probation. The workgroup has discussed probation providing assessments to sentencing parties for consideration at sentencing.

The workgroup recommended that representatives from the CCP meet with the court and other sentencing partners on use of actuarial assessments at sentencing. A meeting is scheduled on February 23, 2012 between Probation and the regional superior courts in San Diego County.

**Next Steps:**

Workgroup 1 has met once since the last CCP meeting and will meet again on 2/28/12. Many of these strategies will be discussed with the Superior Court Bench at regional collaborative meetings in March and April of 2012. Representatives from Probation, the Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney, and the Public Defender will participate in these meetings.